

SENATE BILL NO. 310

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVOKING THE ACCREDITATION OF A SCHOOL THAT FAILS TO MEET THE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS TWICE IN A 4-YEAR PERIOD; AND AMENDING SECTION 20-7-102, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-7-102, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-102. Accreditation of schools -- revocation of accreditation. (1) The conditions under which each elementary school, each middle school, each junior high school, 7th and 8th grades funded at high school rates, and each high school operates must be reviewed by the superintendent of public instruction to determine compliance with the standards of accreditation. The accreditation status of every school must then be established by the board of public education upon the recommendation of the superintendent of public instruction. Notification of the accreditation status for the applicable school year or years must be given to each district by the superintendent of public instruction.

(2) A school may be accredited for a period consisting of 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 school years, except that multiyear accreditation may only be granted to schools that are in compliance with 20-4-101.

(3) A nonpublic school may, through its governing body, request that the board of public education accredit the school. Nonpublic schools may be accredited in the same manner as provided in subsection (1).

(4) A school that fails to comply with the standards of accreditation twice within a 4-year period must have its accreditation revoked.

~~(4)~~(5) As used in this section, "7th and 8th grades funded at high school rates" means an elementary school district or K-12 district elementary program whose 7th and 8th grades are funded as provided in 20-9-306(10)(c)(i)."

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